



GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLEARING PERMIT

Granted under section 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Purpose permit number:	CPS 2479/1
Permit holder:	Shire of Manjimup
Purpose of clearing:	Removal of dangerous trees
Shire:	Shire of Manjimup
Duration of permit:	19 July 2008 to 19 July 2013

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The permit holder is authorised to clear native vegetation for the above stated purposes, subject to the conditions of this Permit.

PART I – CLEARING AUTHORISED

1. Land on which clearing is to be done

Land owned by or vested in Shire of Manjimup.

2. Area of clearing

The Permit holder must not clear more than 400 dead native trees annually within the boundaries of the Shire of Manjimup for the purpose of removal of *hazardous trees*.

3. Application

This Permit allows the Permit holder to authorise persons, including employees, contractors and agents of the Permit holder, to clear native vegetation for the purposes of this Permit subject to compliance with the conditions of this Permit and approval from the Permit holder.

4. Compliance Management Procedures

Prior to clearing any native vegetation under conditions 1 and 2 of this Permit, the Permit holder must comply with the Assessment Sequence and Management Procedures set out in Part II of this Permit.

PART II – ASSESSMENT SEQUENCE AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

5. Avoid, minimise etc clearing

In determining the amount of native vegetation to be cleared for the purpose of road upgrades, the Permit Holder must have regard to the following principles, set out in order of preference:

- (i) avoid the clearing of native vegetation;
- (ii) minimise the amount of native vegetation to be cleared; and
- (iii) reduce the impact of clearing on any environmental value.

6. Dieback and weed control

(a) When undertaking any clearing, or other activity pursuant to this Permit the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of *dieback*:

- (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
- (ii) avoid the movement of soil in wet conditions;
- (iii) ensure that no *dieback*-affected *road building materials, mulch or fill* are brought into an area that is not affected by *dieback*;and

- (iv) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.
- (b) When undertaking any clearing, or other activity pursuant to this Permit the Permit Holder must take the following steps to minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of *weeds*:
 - (i) clean earth-moving machinery of soil and vegetation prior to entering and leaving the area to be cleared;
 - (ii) ensure that no *weed*-affected *road building materials, mulch, fill* or other material is brought into the area to be cleared; and
 - (iii) restrict the movement of machines and other vehicles to the limits of the areas to be cleared.

7. Fauna Management

- (a) Prior to clearing within the areas described in condition 1 and 2, the areas shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* who shall identify fauna habitat suitable to be utilised by fauna species listed below:
 - (i) Western Ringtail Possum *Pseudocheirus occidentalis*
 - (ii) Baudin's Black-Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus baudinii*
 - (iii) Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus latirostris*
 - (iv) Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus banksii naso*
 - (v) Brush Tailed Phascogale *Phascogale tapoatafa*
 - (vi) Numbat *Myrmecobius fasciatus*
- (b) Prior to clearing, any habitat identified by condition 7(a) shall be inspected by a *fauna specialist* for the presence of fauna.
- (c) Prior to clearing the Permit Holder shall ensure that any fauna identified in condition 7(b) shall be removed and relocated by a *fauna clearing person*, in accordance with a licence issued by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

PART III – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

8. Records must be kept

The Permit holder must maintain the following records for activities done pursuant to this Permit:

- (a) In relation to the clearing of native vegetation undertaken pursuant to the purpose of clearing:
 - (i) the location where the clearing occurred, recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - (ii) the date that the trees were cleared; and
 - (iii) the number of trees cleared.
- (b) In relation to Fauna Management pursuant to condition 7:
 - (i) the location of any habitat tree identified recorded using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994;
 - (ii) the species of any habitat tree identified;
 - (iii) the species of fauna reasonably likely to utilise, or that have been observed utilising habitat;
 - (iv) the species and number of each species relocated;
 - (v) a description of the relocation activities; and
 - (vi) the location and date where relocated fauna was released, using Geocentric Datum Australia 1994.

9. Reporting

- (a) The Permit Holder must provide to the CEO, on or before 30 June of each year, a written report of records required under condition 8 and activities done by the Permit Holder under this Permit between 1 January and 31 December of the preceding year.

- (b) Before the expiry of the permit, the permit holder must provide to the CEO a written report of records required under condition 8 where these records have not already been provided under condition 9 (a).

Definitions

The following meanings are given to terms used in this Permit:

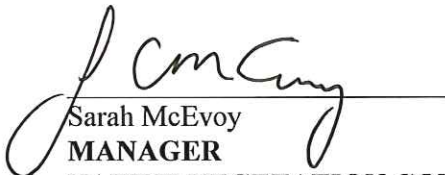
dieback means the effect of *Phytophthora* species on *native vegetation*;

fill means material used to increase the ground level, or fill a hollow;

Hazardous tree means trees that are likely to cause imminent danger to human life or health or irreversible damage to a significant portion of the environment.

mulch means the use of organic matter, wood chips or rocks to slow the movement of water across the soil surface and to reduce evaporation;

road building materials means rock, gravel, soil, stone, timber, boulders and water; and



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